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Obligation
Solomons Island Road (MD 2)
Harwood
Private

Early 18th century

Construction details of this house indicate that it was built prior to 1743. This dwelling was later enlarged, most noticeably by increasing it from 1 1/2 stories to 2 1/2 stories. The two sections are easily distinguishable due to the different brick-bond patterns. The older section is English bond and the later, second story is common bond, with five courses of stretchers to each header row. Also, the earlier section has irregularly placed segmental arch 9/9 sash windows while the later second story is lighted by symmetrically placed 6/6 sash windows with jack arches. The front (south) façade of the house contains a door in the approximate center, with two windows to the left and one to the right. The second floor holds four windows across this façade. The west gable end is two wide bays wide, with narrow windows near the edges of the building on the first and second floors, and two windows in the attic gable. Large flush brick chimneys rise from either gable end of the roof. In a c. 1920 photograph, a hip-roofed Victorian porch with square posts and sawnwork brackets was extant, and many of the windows retained shutters. A 1960 photograph of part of the front shows that this porch had been removed and the entrance was sheltered by a cantilevered hood. The square first-floor plan is divided into four rooms, the southwest one having a boxed staircase rising from the outer corner. There is a wooden lock of large size on the front door, and many pieces of early hardware remain throughout the house. In a plan of this type, the rooms were customarily

heated by corner fireplaces. One such fireplace remains at Obligation, in the back parlor. In addition to the brick dwelling, the Federal Direct Tax of 1798 lists several outbuildings which stood on the property in close proximity to the house. They included a frame dwelling which was described as "out of repair," indicating that it may have predated the brick dwelling. Two frame kitchens, one of which was "out of repair," an overseer's house, and a henhouse were assessed, as well as a medical shop for Dr. Thomas Noble Stockett.

Obligation is significant primarily for its architecture, but also for its association with the locally prominent Stockett family. The house was built for Thomas Stockett III in 1743, and was enlarged to its present configuration in 1827 during the ownership of his grandson, Joseph Noble Stockett (1779-1858). Dr. Thomas Noble Stockett (1747-1802) was the son of Thomas III, and became a prominent citizen and served as surgeon for the Maryland Line during the American Revolution.

NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES
INVENTORY - NOMINATION FORM

(Type all entries - complete applicable sections)

STATE: Maryland	
COUNTY: Anne Arundel	
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ENTRY NUMBER 69-05-19-0009	DATE 5/15/69

1. NAME	
COMMON: Obligation	
AND/OR HISTORIC: Obligation	

2. LOCATION			
STREET AND NUMBER: Route Maryland 2			
CITY OR TOWN: Harwood Post Office			
STATE: Maryland 20776		COOE 19	COUNTY: Anne Arundel
			COOE 003

3. CLASSIFICATION				
CATEGORY (Check One)	OWNERSHIP		STATUS	ACCESSIBLE TO THE PUBLIC
District <input type="checkbox"/> Building <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Site <input type="checkbox"/> Structure <input type="checkbox"/> Object <input type="checkbox"/>	Public <input type="checkbox"/> Private <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Both <input type="checkbox"/>	Public Acquisition: In Process <input type="checkbox"/> Being Considered <input type="checkbox"/>	Occupied <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Unoccupied <input type="checkbox"/> Preservation work in progress <input type="checkbox"/>	Yes: Restricted <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Unrestricted <input type="checkbox"/> No: <input type="checkbox"/>
PRESENT USE (Check One or More as Appropriate)				
Agricultural <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Commercial <input type="checkbox"/> Educational <input type="checkbox"/> Entertainment <input type="checkbox"/>	Government <input type="checkbox"/> Industrial <input type="checkbox"/> Military <input type="checkbox"/> Museum <input type="checkbox"/>	Park <input type="checkbox"/> Private Residence <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Religious <input type="checkbox"/> Scientific <input type="checkbox"/>	Transportation <input type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify) <input type="checkbox"/>	Comments <input type="checkbox"/>

4. OWNER OF PROPERTY			
OWNERS NAME: Dr. Emily Hammond Wilson			
STREET AND NUMBER: Route Maryland 2			
CITY OR TOWN: Harwood Post Office		STATE: Maryland 20776	COOE 19

5. LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION			
COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC. Anne Arundel County Court House, Records Office			
STREET AND NUMBER: Church Circle			
CITY OR TOWN: Annapolis		STATE: Maryland 21401	COOE 19

6. REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS			
TITLE OF SURVEY: Maryland Register of historic sites and landmarks			
DATE OF SURVEY: 1969		Federal <input type="checkbox"/>	State <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> County <input type="checkbox"/> Local <input type="checkbox"/>
DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS: Maryland Historical Trust			
STREET AND NUMBER: P. O. Box 1704			
CITY OR TOWN: Annapolis		STATE: Maryland 21404	COOE 19

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7. DESCRIPTION

CONDITION	(Check One)					
	Excellent <input type="checkbox"/>	Good <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Fair <input type="checkbox"/>	Deteriorated <input type="checkbox"/>	Ruins <input type="checkbox"/>	Unexposed <input type="checkbox"/>
INTEGRITY	(Check One)			(Check One)		
	Altered <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Unaltered <input type="checkbox"/>			Moved <input type="checkbox"/> Original Site <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (If known) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

Obligation is located on the west side of Route Maryland 2; 0.2 miles south of the junction of Mill Swamp Road and Route Maryland 2.

A building appears to have been standing in 1706, built on a tract of 664 acres patented in 1669 by Thomas Stockett. Francis H. Stockett, in his The Stockett Family (see: Bibliography #9), says the present brick house was erected in 1743 by Thomas Stockett III, a grandson of the first Thomas Stockett who immigrated to Maryland from Kent County, England.

In 1827 Joseph Noble Stockett, grandson of Joseph Stockett, made improvements to the house.

Construction details appear to belong to a manner of building predating 1743, and it may be conjectured that an earlier dwelling was over-built, possibly by raising a one-and-a-half-story structure to make the two-and-a-half-story house as indicated by changes apparent in the exterior brick walls. The color and texture of the early, one-story structure with brick laid in English bond can be easily distinguished from the later second-story brick work.

The square first-floor plan is divided into four rooms, the southwest one having a boxed staircase rising from the outer corner. There is a wooden lock of large size on the front door, and many pieces of early hardware throughout the house. The guillotine window sash are very early examples. There is a corner fireplace in the back parlor. The south facade has a center door sheltered by a canopy of recent date, and three windows irregularly placed, having nine over nine sash, topped with segmental arches. A different color range of brick appears in walls of the second story, and here the four windows of this south facade are symmetrically spaced, covered by flat lintels and having six over six sash. The gabled roof has a chimney at each end.

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8. SIGNIFICANCE

PERIOD (Check One or More as Appropriate)

Pre-Columbian ☐16th Century ☐18th Century ☐20th Century ☐15th Century ☐17th Century ☒19th Century ☐

SPECIFIC DATE(S) (If Applicable and Known)

AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE (Check One or More as Appropriate)

Aboriginal ☐Education ☒Political ☐Urban Planning ☐Prehistoric ☐Engineering ☐

Religion/Phi-

Other (Specify) ☒Historic ☐Industry ☐losophy ☐ArchitectureAgriculture ☐Invention ☐Science ☐Art ☐Landscape ☐Sculpture ☐Commerce ☐Architecture ☐

Social/Human-

Communications ☐Literature ☐itarian ☐Conservation ☒Military ☐Theater ☐Music ☐Transportation ☐

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE (Include Personages, Dates, Events, Etc.)

In 1658 three brother, Thomas, Henry and Dr. Francis Stockett, emigrated to Maryland and established themselves on a tract of the west side of the Susquehanna River. The site became the present town of Havre de Grace, Maryland. These Stockett brothers removed to southern Anne Arundel County where, in 1668-69, each gained a patent for 664 acres of contiguous lands bounded by a stream called Stocketts' Run.

Thomas, appointed High Sheriff of the county in 1668, was styled "Captain." He died in 1671; willed Obligation to a son, Thomas (1667-1732), who was active in county political affairs and was called upon to survey and settle cases involving land disputes. He expanded Obligation to 2,000 acres. Thomas Stockett III went to England, was robbed of all his possessions, and was befriended by a merchant who taught him about business. Thomas returned to Maryland and established a prosperous neighborhood store. His son, Dr. Thomas Noble Stockett (1747-1802) was well educated, scholarly; he joined the "Sons of Freedom" movement, was commissioned Surgeon with the Maryland Line and served at Valley Forge where hardships impaired his health. Returning to Obligation to recruit soldiers locally, he later resumed his medical practice and raised blooded horses.

His son, Joseph Noble Stockett (1779-1858), inherited Obligation, studied medicine but did not practice, raised horses and hunted foxes. He was a member of the South River Club. A staunch Federalist, he later became a Whig of the Henry Clay persuasion. Joseph Noble Stockett was married four times and had eight children.

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9. MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

Recorder: Mrs. E. W. Bridgman, Jr., Cedar Park, Cumberstone Road, Harwood, Maryland 20776

Stockett, Francis H., Genealogy of the Stockett Family, 1892, Printed by William H. Boyle & Son, Baltimore, Md.

Forman, Henry C., Early Manor and Plantation Houses of Maryland, 1934, Privately printed, Easton, Md.

10. GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

LATITUDE AND LONGITUDE COORDINATES DEFINING A RECTANGLE LOCATING THE PROPERTY			O R	LATITUDE AND LONGITUDE COORDINATES DEFINING THE CENTER POINT OF A PROPERTY OF LESS THAN ONE ACRE		
CORNER	LATITUDE	LONGITUDE		LATITUDE	LONGITUDE	
	Degrees Minutes Seconds	Degrees Minutes Seconds		Degrees Minutes Seconds	Degrees Minutes Seconds	
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LIST ALL STATES AND COUNTIES FOR PROPERTIES OVERLAPPING STATE OR COUNTY BOUNDARIES

STATE:	CODE	COUNTY	CODE
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11. FORM PREPARED BY

NAME AND TITLE:

Mrs. Preston Parish, Keeper of the Maryland Register

ORGANIZATION

Maryland Historical Trust

DATE

May 9, 1969

STREET AND NUMBER:

P. O. Box 1704

CITY OR TOWN:

Annapolis

STATE

Maryland 21404

CODE

19

12. STATE LIAISON OFFICER CERTIFICATION

NATIONAL REGISTER VERIFICATION

As the designated State Liaison Officer for the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966 (Public Law 89-665), I hereby nominate this property for inclusion in the National Register and certify that it has been evaluated according to the criteria and procedures set forth by the National Park Service. The recommended level of significance of this nomination is:

National ☐ State ☒ Local ☐

Name

Orlando Ridout IV
Orlando Ridout IV

Title

State Liaison Officer
for Maryland

Date

May 9, 1969

I hereby certify that this property is included in the National Register.

Ernest Allen Churchill
Chief, Office of Archeology and Historic Preservation

Date May 15, 1969

ATTEST:

William C. Stewart
Keeper of The National Register

Date May 15, 1969

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Anne Arundel

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#5. LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

Maryland Hall of Records Commission

St. John's College Campus

Annapolis, Maryland 21404 Code: 19

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
NATIONAL PARK SERVICE

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PROPERTY PHOTOGRAPH FORM

(Type all entries - attach to or enclose with photograph)

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STREET AND NUMBER:			
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CITY OR TOWN:			
Harwood Post Office			
STATE:		CODE	COUNTY:
Maryland 20776		19	Anne Arundel
			CODE
			003
3. PHOTO REFERENCE			
PHOTO CREDIT:		Francis E. Engle	
DATE OF PHOTO:		1959	
NEGATIVE FILED AT:		6 North Southwood Avenue, Annapolis, Maryland	
4. IDENTIFICATION			
DESCRIBE VIEW, DIRECTION, ETC.			
East Elevation			



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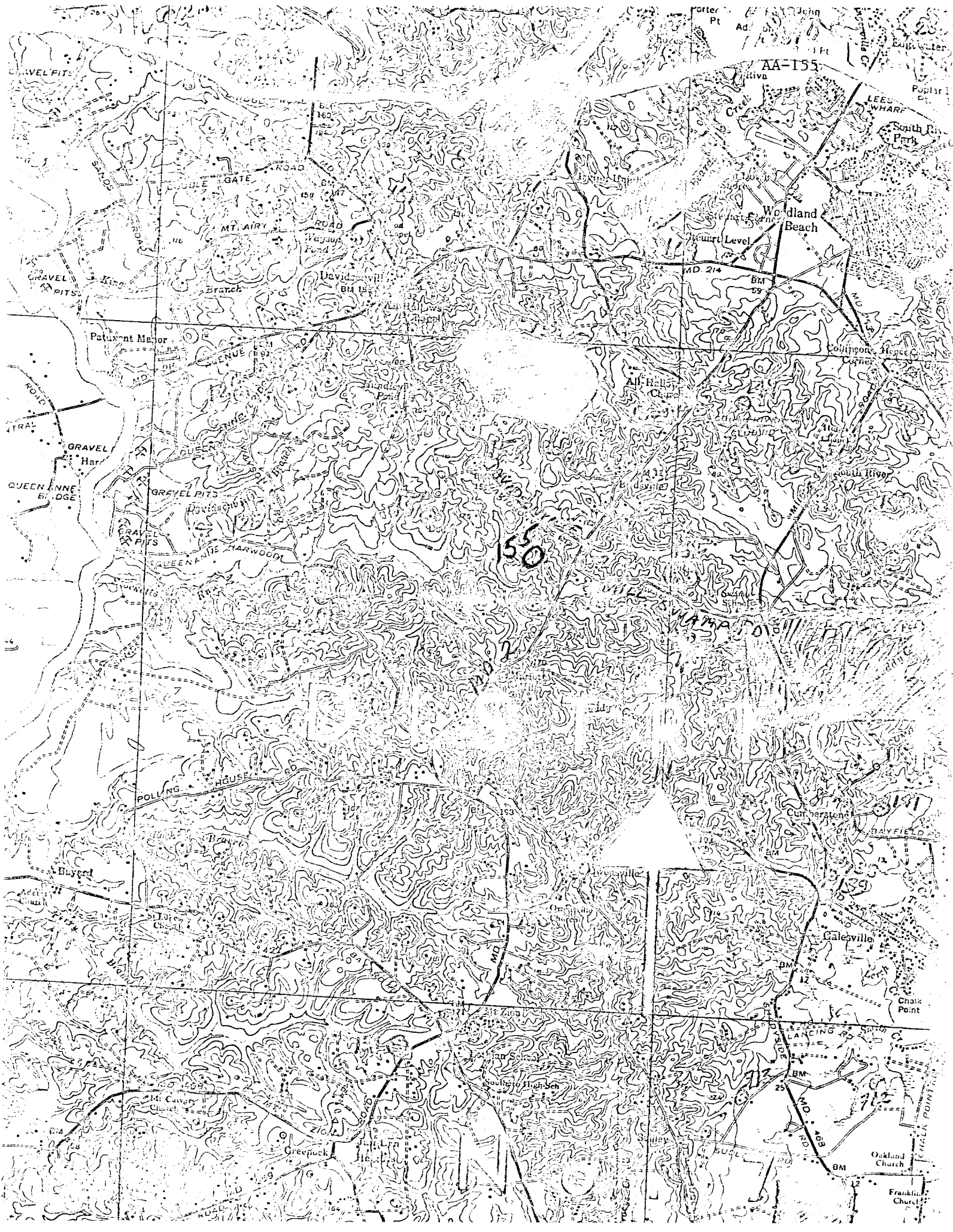
PROPERTY MAP FORM

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STATE: Maryland 20776		CODE 19	COUNTY: Anne Arundel
			CODE 003
3. MAP REFERENCE			
SOURCE: Maryland Geological Survey, Anne Arundel County; Kenneth Weaver, Director. Compiled from U.S.G.S. topographic map.			
SCALE: 1=62500			
DATE: 1949. 1967 Limited Revisions. Roads & Housing Development			
4. REQUIREMENTS			
TO BE INCLUDED ON ALL MAPS			
1. Property boundaries where required.			
2. North arrow.			
3. Latitude and longitude reference.			



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Account Identifier: District - 01 Subdivision - 000 Account Number - 90050281

Owner Information

Owner Name: WILSON JR, JOHN F Use: AGRICULTURAL
Principal Residence: NO
Mailing Address: 4022 SOLOMONS ISLAND RD Deed Reference: 1) / 4858/ 542
HARWOOD MD 20776-9437 2)

Location & Structure Information

Premises Address
4020 SOLOMONS ISLAND RD
HARWOOD 20776

Legal Description
10.11 ACRES
4020 SOLOMONS ISLAND RD
HARWOOD

Map	Grid	Parcel	Sub District	Subdivision	Section	Block	Lot	Group	Plat No:
59	20	273						82	Plat Ref:

Special Tax Areas Town
Ad Valorem
Tax Class

Primary Structure Built	Enclosed Area	Property Land Area	County Use
1800	3,000 SF	10.11 AC	
Stories 2 1/2	Basement YES	Type STANDARD UNIT	Exterior BRICK

Value Information

	Base Value	Value As Of 01/01/2003	Phase-in Assessments As Of 07/01/2003	As Of 07/01/2004	
Land:	93,870	133,870			PREFERENTIAL LAND VALUE INCLUDED IN LAND VALUE
Improvements:	109,340	122,660			
Total:	203,210	256,530	220,983	238,756	
Preferential Land:	3,870	3,870	3,870	3,870	

Transfer Information

Seller:	Date:	Price:
Type: UNKNOWN	10/08/1991	\$0
	Deed1: / 4858/ 542	Deed2:
Seller:	Date:	Price:
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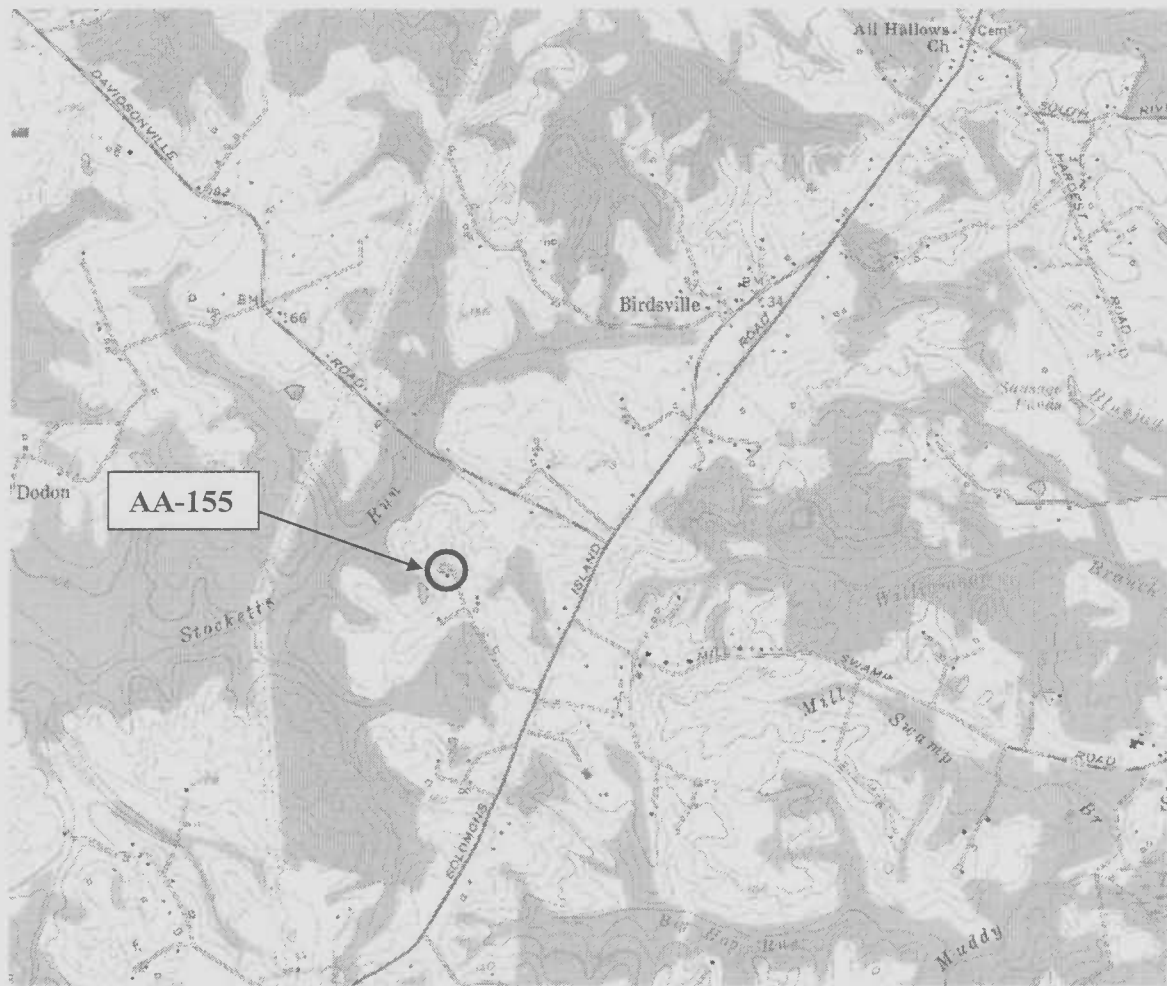
Exemption Information

Partial Exempt Assessments	Class	07/01/2003	07/01/2004
County	000	0	0
State	000	0	0
Municipal	000	0	0

Tax Exempt: NO
Exempt Class:

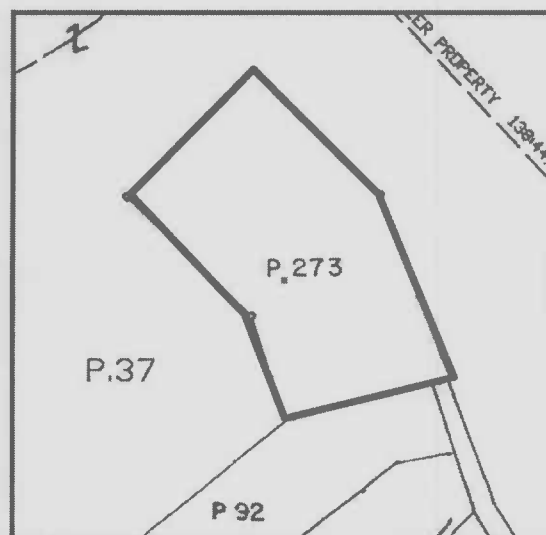
Special Tax Recapture:
AGRICULTURAL TRANSFER TAX

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South River Quadrangle



1993-94 Aerial Photo

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